Accident of a truck with Malwa Express near Dabra

1904. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

SHRI SURESH PACHOURI :]

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a truck carrying 27 persons was hit by the, Bhopal bound Malwa Express at an unmanned Railway Crossing near Dabra on 6th May, 1990 ;

(b) if so, the number of persons killed and injured in the accident ; and

(c) what precautions are taken to avoid such accidents ?

THEDUPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH) : (a) and (b) On 6-5-90 while No. 4068 Up Malwa Express was on run, it dashed against a motor truck at a manned level crossing gate between Anant Paith and Dabra stations on the Gwalior-Jhansi section of Central Railway. As a result, 13 persons lost their lives and 12 persons sustained injuries.

(c) Some important steps taken to ensure safety at level crossings are as under :—

(1) Provision of Whistle Boards and Rumble strips/speed breakers and Road signs at the approaches to level crossings.

(2) Improving visibility at level crossings for road users and frain drivers.

(3) Educative campaigns

(4) Conducting ambush check ointly with State Government Officials including traffic police.

(5) Interlocking of busy leve crossings.

(6) Provision of telephones at manned level crossings.

Overhead Bridge at Margao, Goa

1905. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether! Government have senctioned a Railway Overhead Bridge at Margao, Goa ;

(b) if so, by when this work is likely to start and at what location ; and

(c) the cost of this bridge and the contribution to be made by Goa Government ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTR IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH) : (a) The Railways can sanction the work only after the State Government finalises the scheme and sponsors a firm proposal.

(b) The location of the bridge is to be decided by the State Government The work can be taken up for execution after its sanction both by the Railways and the State Government.

(c) These details will be known after the finalisation of the plans and estimate for the work.

Proposal for a direct railway link from Goa to Karwar

1906. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to the Ministry from the Defence to have any direct Railway line from Goa to Karwar, linking the Naval Base "Sea Bird" ; and